# Real World Science: Magnetism

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Congratulations!

You have chosen a learning program that will actively motivate your students AND provide you with easily accessible and easily manageable instructional guidelines designed to make your teaching role efficient and rewarding.

The AIMS Teaching Module provides you with a video program keyed to your classroom curriculum, instructions and guidelines for use, plus a comprehensive teaching program containing a wide range of activities and ideas for interaction between all content areas. Our authors, educators, and consultants have written and reviewed the AIMS Teaching Modules to align with the Educate America Act: Goals 2000.

This ATM, with its clear definition of manageability, both in the classroom and beyond, allows you to tailor specific activities to meet all of your classroom needs.
RATIONALE

In today's classrooms, educational pedagogy is often founded on Benjamin S. Bloom's "Six Levels of Cognitive Complexity." The practical application of Bloom's Taxonomy is to evaluate students' thinking skills on these levels, from the simple to the complex: Knowledge (rote memory skills), Comprehension (the ability to relate or retell), Application (the ability to apply knowledge outside its origin), Analysis (relating and differentiating parts of a whole), Synthesis (relating parts to a whole), and Evaluation (making a judgment or formulating an opinion).

The AIMS Teaching Module is designed to facilitate these intellectual capabilities, AND to integrate classroom experiences and assimilation of learning with the students' life experiences, realities, and expectations. AIMS' learner verification studies prove that our AIMS Teaching Modules help students to absorb, retain, and to demonstrate ability to use new knowledge in their world. Our educational materials are written and designed for today's classroom, which incorporates a wide range of intellectual, cultural, physical, and emotional diversities.
ORGANIZATION AND MANAGEMENT

To facilitate ease in classroom manage-
ability, the AIMS Teaching Module is
organized in four sections. You are
reading Section 1, Introduction to the
Aims Teaching Module (ATM).

SECTION 2,
INTRODUCING THIS ATM
will give you the specific information
you need to integrate the program into
your classroom curriculum.

SECTION 3,
PREPARATION FOR VIEWING
provides suggestions and strategies for
motivation, language preparedness,
readiness, and focus prior to viewing
the program with your students.

SECTION 4,
AFTER VIEWING THE PROGRAM
provides suggestions for additional
activities plus an assortment of consum-
able assessment and extended activities,
designed to broaden comprehension of
the topic and to make connections to
other curriculum content areas.
FEATURES

INTRODUCING EACH ATM

SECTION 2

Your AIMS Teaching Module is designed to accompany a video program written and produced by some of the world’s most credible and creative writers and producers of educational programming. To facilitate diversity and flexibility in your classroom, your AIMS Teaching Module features these components:

Themes

The Major Theme tells how this AIMS Teaching Module is keyed into the curriculum. Related Themes offer suggestions for interaction with other curriculum content areas, enabling teachers to use the teaching module to incorporate the topic into a variety of learning areas.

Overview

The Overview provides a synopsis of content covered in the video program. Its purpose is to give you a summary of the subject matter and to enhance your introductory preparation.

Objectives

The ATM learning objectives provide guidelines for teachers to assess what learners can be expected to gain from each program. After completion of the AIMS Teaching Module, your students will be able to demonstrate dynamic and applied comprehension of the topic.
**PREPARATION FOR VIEWING**

**SECTION 3**

In preparation for viewing the video program, the AIMS Teaching Module offers activity and/or discussion ideas that you may use in any order or combination.

**Introduction To The Program**

Introduction to the Program is designed to enable students to recall or relate prior knowledge about the topic and to prepare them for what they are about to learn.

**Introduction To Vocabulary**

Introduction to Vocabulary is a review of language used in the program: words, phrases, usage. This vocabulary introduction is designed to ensure that all learners, including limited English proficiency learners, will have full understanding of the language usage in the content of the program.

**Discussion Ideas**

Discussion Ideas are designed to help you assess students’ prior knowledge about the topic and to give students a preview of what they will learn. Active discussion stimulates interest in a subject and can motivate even the most reluctant learner. Listening, as well as speaking, is active participation. Encourage your students to participate at the rate they feel comfortable. Model sharing personal experiences when applicable, and model listening to students’ ideas and opinions.

**Focus**

Help learners set a purpose for watching the program with Focus, designed to give students a focal point for comprehension continuity.

**Jump Right In**

Jump Right In provides abbreviated instructions for quick management of the program.

**AFTER VIEWING THE PROGRAM**

**SECTION 4**

After your students have viewed the program, you may introduce any or all of these activities to interact with other curriculum content areas, provide reinforcement, assess comprehension skills, or provide hands-on and in-depth extended study of the topic.
The Suggested Activities offer ideas for activities you can direct in the classroom or have your students complete independently, in pairs, or in small work groups after they have viewed the program. To accommodate your range of classroom needs, the activities are organized into skills categories. Their labels will tell you how to identify each activity and help you correlate it into your classroom curriculum. To help you schedule your classroom lesson time, the AIMS hourglass gives you an estimate of the time each activity should require. Some of the activities fall into these categories:

- **Meeting Individual Needs**

These activities are designed to aid in classroom continuity. Reluctant learners and learners acquiring English will benefit from these activities geared to enhance comprehension of language in order to fully grasp content meaning.

- **Curriculum Connections**

Many of the suggested activities are intended to integrate the content of the ATM program into other content areas of the classroom curriculum. These cross-connections turn the classroom teaching experience into a whole learning experience.

- **Critical Thinking**

Critical Thinking activities are designed to stimulate learners’ own opinions and ideas. These activities require students to use the thinking process to discern fact from opinion, consider their own problems and formulate possible solutions, draw conclusions, discuss cause and effect, or combine what they already know with what they have learned to make inferences.

- **Cultural Diversity**

Each AIMS Teaching Module has an activity called Cultural Awareness, Cultural Diversity, or Cultural Exchange that encourages students to share their backgrounds, cultures, heritage, or knowledge of other countries, customs, and language.

- **Hands On**

These are experimental or tactile activities that relate directly to the material taught in the program. Your students will have opportunities to make discoveries and formulate ideas on their own, based on what they learn in this unit.

- **Writing**

Every AIMS Teaching Module will contain an activity designed for students to use the writing process to express their ideas about what they have learned. The writing activity may also help them to make the connection between what they are learning in this unit and how it applies to other content areas.

- **In The Newsroom**

Each AIMS Teaching Module contains a newsroom activity designed to help students make the relationship between what they learn in the classroom and how it applies in their world. The purpose of In The Newsroom is to actively involve each class member in a whole learning experience. Each student will have an opportunity to perform all of the tasks involved in production: writing, researching, producing, directing, and interviewing as they create their own classroom news program.

- **Extended Activities**

These activities provide opportunities for students to work separately or together to conduct further research, explore answers to their own questions, or apply what they have learned to other media or content areas.

- **Link to the World**

These activities offer ideas for connecting learners’ classroom activities to their community and the rest of the world.

- **Culminating Activity**

To wrap up the unit, AIMS Teaching Modules offer suggestions for ways to reinforce what students have learned and how they can use their new knowledge to enhance their world view.
VOCABULARY
Every ATM contains an activity that reinforces the meaning and usage of the vocabulary words introduced in the program content. Students will either read or find the definition of each vocabulary word, then use the word in a written sentence.

CHECKING COMPREHENSION
Checking Comprehension is designed to help you evaluate how well your students understand, retain, and recall the information presented in the AIMS Teaching Module. Depending on your students’ needs, you may direct this activity to the whole group yourself, or you may want to have students work on the activity page independently, in pairs, or in small groups. Students can verify their written answers through discussion or by viewing the video a second time. If you choose, you can reproduce the answers from your Answer Key or write the answer choices in a Word Bank for students to use. Students can use this completed activity as a study guide to prepare for the test.

CONSUMABLE ACTIVITIES
The AIMS Teaching Module provides a selection of consumable activities, designed to specifically reinforce the content of this learning unit. Whenever applicable, they are arranged in order from low to high difficulty level, to allow a seamless facilitation of the learning process. You may choose to have students take these activities home or to work on them in the classroom independently, in pairs or in small groups.

CHECKING VOCABULARY
The Checking Vocabulary activity provides the opportunity for students to assess their knowledge of new vocabulary with this word game or puzzle. The format of this vocabulary activity allows students to use the related words and phrases in a different context.

TEST
The AIMS Teaching Module Test permits you to assess students’ understanding of what they have learned. The test is formatted in one of several standard test formats to give your students a range of experiences in test-taking techniques. Be sure to read, or remind students to read, the directions carefully and to read each answer choice before making a selection. Use the Answer Key to check their answers.
ADDITIONAL AIMS MULTIMEDIA PROGRAMS

After you have completed this AIMS Teaching Module you may be interested in more of the programs that AIMS offers. This list includes several related AIMS programs.

ADDITIONAL READING SUGGESTIONS

AIMS offers a carefully researched list of other resources that you and your students may find rewarding.

ANSWER KEY

Reproduces tests and work pages with answers marked.
THEMES
Real World Science: Magnetism explores the various properties of magnets, including the principles of attraction and repulsion. Viewers learn how to make simple magnets and how to use them. In addition, the program explains how the Earth is like a huge magnet, with poles at each end. The concepts of magnetization and electromagnetism are also discussed.

OVERVIEW
The Greeks first discovered magnets when they realized that magnetite attracted materials that contained iron. All magnets have a north pole and a south pole. When placed together, like poles will repel one another, while opposite poles attract. The geographic poles are at the top and bottom of the Earth. As electrons spin around the nucleus of an atom, they create a magnetic field. Materials with strong magnetic properties are called ferromagnetic. If we rub an ordinary nail with one end of a magnet, we can magnetize the nail. The nail will become a temporary magnet, which means it will lose its magnetism easily. We can also use an electric current to produce a magnetic field. This is called electromagnetism.

OBJECTIVES
- To study our discovery and understanding of magnetism.
- To explore how magnets can be used in many ways.
- To learn about the attracting and repelling properties of magnets.
- To understand how the Earth is like a magnet.
- To identify magnetic materials.
- To learn how to create simple magnets.
- To better understand electromagnetism.
Use this page for your individual notes about planning and/or effective ways to manage this AIMS Teaching Module in your classroom.
INTRODUCTION TO THE PROGRAM

Magnets can be found in many objects that we use everyday. They are found in objects made by humans, as well as in natural materials. In fact, the mineral magnetite was found to have magnetic properties long before humans learned how to create magnets using magnetization. By viewing the video and discussing the concepts presented, students will have a better understanding of magnets and their uses in our world.

INTRODUCTION TO VOCABULARY

Before starting the program, write the following words on the board. Ask the class to discuss the meaning of each word, and review the terms that are unfamiliar to students.

repel - to move away from one another
attract - to move toward one another
poles - opposite ends of a magnet

DISCUSSION IDEAS

Ask students to think about what they know about magnets. What does a simple magnet do? What kinds of materials does it attract? Does a magnet attract more material to its middle or to its ends? Two things can happen when magnets are placed near each other. What are they? (Magnets attract metal objects, such as iron and steel. A magnet attracts more material at its ends or poles. If two magnets are placed with the same poles together, they will repel each other. If they are placed with opposite poles together, they will attract each other.)

FOCUS

Magnets are found in many of the appliances and machines we use. They are also used to help us create electricity. Without magnets, our lives would be very different. Ask students to keep this in mind as they begin the unit.
Preparation

- Read Real World Science: Magnetism Themes, Overview, and Objectives to become familiar with program content and expectations.

- Use Preparation for Viewing suggestions to introduce the topic to students.

Viewing REAL WORLD SCIENCE: MAGNETISM

- Set up viewing monitor so that all students have a clear view.

- Depending on your classroom size and learning range, you may choose to have students view Real World Science: Magnetism together or in small groups.

Some students may benefit from viewing the video more than one time.

After Viewing REAL WORLD SCIENCE: MAGNETISM

- Select Suggested Activities that integrate into your classroom curriculum. If applicable, gather materials or resources.

- Choose the best way for students to work on each activity. Some activities work best for the whole group. Other activities are designed for students to work independently, in pairs, or in small groups. Whenever possible, encourage students to share their work with the rest of the group.

- Duplicate the appropriate number of Vocabulary, Checking Comprehension, and consumable activity pages for your students.

- You may choose to have students take consumable activities home, or complete them in the classroom, independently, or in groups.

- Administer the Test to assess students’ comprehension of what they have learned, and to provide them with practice in test-taking procedures.

- Use the Culminating Activity as a forum for students to display, summarize, extend, or share what they have learned with each other, the rest of the school, or a local community organization.
SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES

Hands On

Ask students to use a magnet to test the magnetic properties of the following items. Encourage them to keep careful notes of which objects are attracted by the magnet and which are not.

When they are finished, ask them to look closely at the objects that were attracted by the magnet. What do they have in common? Do they have similar weights, colors or forms? What are they made of? (The objects attracted by the magnet will be made of various metals, such as steel and iron.)

- sewing needle (attraction)
- pencil (no attraction)
- eraser (no attraction)
- plastic comb (no attraction)
- copper wire (attraction)
- paper (no attraction)
- thumbtack (attraction)
- paper clip (attraction)
- rubber ball (no attraction)
- cloth (no attraction)
- toothpick (no attraction)

Meeting Individual Needs

Ask students to make sentences using the following words. Encourage them to use a dictionary if they are unsure of the meanings. Make sure that their sentences display an understanding of the words as they relate to the program.

- compass - device that has a magnetic needle that always points due north
- electromagnet - magnet that only works while electricity is flowing through it
- magnetize - to turn an object into a magnet
- ferromagnetic - material that is strongly attracted to a magnet and can easily keep a magnetic charge
- induce - to create; for example, to induce a magnetic force
- magnetite - mineral that is naturally magnetic
- solenoid - a coil of wire that produces a magnetic field when electricity is passed through it
Critical Thinking

An audio tape works because of magnets, but magnets can also ruin audio tapes if they get too close to them. An audio tape is really a plastic ribbon coated with a layer of metal powder. When we record sounds onto the tape, the metal particles are magnetized by an electromagnet in the recording head. The magnetic pattern on the tape is a code that can be turned back into sound. Why might a magnet ruin the sounds recorded onto an audio tape? (The magnet can change the pattern of the metal particles, and therefore, change the resulting sounds.)

A compass uses a small magnetized needle to help us find directions. What might happen if a powerful magnet got too close to a compass? (The powerful magnet could demagnetize the compass needle.)

Hands On

Magnets are invisible, but we can see their forces by using iron filings. Allow the class to work with iron filings and two small bar magnets. First, have them place the bar magnets with like poles facing each other. Next, the students should place a sheet of paper over the bar magnets and sprinkle iron filings on the sheet. What happens? (Filings will gather around each end of the magnets, but there will be few filings between the magnets.)

Have them repeat the experiment by placing the magnets with opposite poles facing each other. What happens to the filings now? (Filings will collect in a thick pattern between the opposite poles.)

What could be the explanation? (More filings gather at the ends of the magnets because magnetic force is strongest at the poles. When like poles are placed next to one another, the iron filings, which are magnetized, are pushed apart by the magnetic field. When opposite poles are placed next to one another, the filings are drawn together by the magnetic field.)

Connection to Science

The strength of a magnetic field is measured in units called gauss. The earth’s magnetic field is about 1/2 gauss. A small bar magnet can produce a field that is 200 gauss. Electromagnets are the most powerful magnets of all. They can produce fields that are 30,000 gauss.

Ask students to use an encyclopedia to find out who the gauss is named for. What was this person’s contribution to the study of magnetism? (The gauss named was for Karl Friedrich Gauss. He was a German scientist and mathematician who did important work in electromagnetism.)
Connection to History

Many scientists contributed to our understanding of magnetism and electromagnetism. Ask students to investigate the contributions of each scientist listed below. Encourage them to summarize the main discovery or invention of each scientist in a few sentences.

Thales of Miletus - He worked to understand why amber that had been rubbed with wool attracted small pieces of paper.

William Gilbert - He was an English physician who discovered the Earth’s magnetism. He also was able to explain magnetism’s use in a simple compass.

Hans Christian Oersted - He discovered that electricity can create a magnetic field.

Andre Marie Ampere - He developed the electric generator by understanding how electric current is related to magnetism.

William Sturgeon - He created the first electromagnet.

Extended Activity

Scientists believe that magnetite, the mineral that the Ancient Greeks discovered to be magnetic, was formed deep in the Earth. It started as a molten (liquid) metal that was mostly made of iron. Ask students if they can guess why the magnetite gained magnetic properties. Tell them to keep two things in mind: the Earth’s natural magnetic field and the presence in all magnets of atoms lined up in the same direction.

(In its molten form, the magnetite’s atoms lined up according the Earth’s natural magnetic field. As the molten liquid cooled, the atoms locked in the same direction. As a result, the mineral was magnetized.)

Culminating Activity

Ask students to go through their homes making a list of the things that use magnets. Remind them to include appliances, video and audio recorders, televisions, radios, door bells, telephones and other small machines. When they are finished, ask them to choose one of the items on the list. Have them write a paragraph describing what life would be like without the item. How would their lives be more difficult? Encourage class members to share their paragraphs with one another.
# VOCABULARY

The following terms are from *Real World Science: Magnetism*. Fill in the number of each term next to its closest definition.

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<td>device with a magnetic needle that always points to the Earth’s north pole</td>
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<td>3. repel</td>
<td>move away from one another</td>
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<td>4. attract</td>
<td>move toward one another</td>
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<td>5. magnetic field</td>
<td>magnetic force that surrounds a magnet</td>
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<td>6. poles</td>
<td>each end of a magnet; where magnetic force is the strongest</td>
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<td>7. compass</td>
<td>device with a magnetic needle that always points to the Earth’s north pole</td>
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<td>8. electromagnetism</td>
<td>the relationship between electricity and magnets</td>
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<td>9. solenoid</td>
<td>coiled wire that carries an electric current with a magnetic field</td>
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<td>10. sun spots</td>
<td>dark areas where the magnetic field has broken through the corona</td>
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CHECKING COMPREHENSION

Read the following sentences and circle the letter of the word that best fills each blank.

The Greeks first discovered magnets when they realized that magnetite attracted materials that contained ___1___. All magnets have ___2___ poles. When placed together, like poles will ___3___ one another, while opposite poles ___4___ . The geographic poles are at the top and bottom of the ___5___ . As ___6___ spin around the nucleus of an atom, they create a magnetic field. Materials with strong magnetic properties are called ___7___ . If we rub an ordinary nail with one end of a magnet, we can ___8___ the nail. The nail will become a ___9___ magnet, which means it will lose its magnetism easily. We can also use an electric current to produce a magnetic field. This is called ___10___ .

1. A. wood
   B. atoms
   C. iron
   D. electricity

2. A. positive and negative
   B. north and south
   C. left and right
   D. active and inactive

3. A. repel
   B. magnetize
   C. polarize
   D. attract

4. A. electrify
   B. attract
   C. demagnetize
   D. repel

5. A. horseshoe magnet
   B. bar magnet
   C. galaxy
   D. Earth

6. A. protons
   B. molecules
   C. electrons
   D. tiny magnets

7. A. ferromagnetic
   B. soluble
   C. ionic
   D. polar

8. A. heat
   B. magnetize
   C. electrify
   D. dissolve

9. A. temporary
   B. permanent
   C. current
   D. solenoid

10. A. conduction
    B. electromagnetism
    C. polarization
    D. atomic magnetism
REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Where does the word “magnet” come from?

2. Name three things at home that contain magnets.

3. What can be done to weaken a magnet?

4. When electric current is turned off, an electromagnet loses its magnetic field. How does this make electromagnets useful?

5. What kinds of objects are easiest to magnetize? Why?

6. How is the Earth like a giant magnet?
TRUE OR FALSE

Place a T next to statements that are true and an F next to statements that are false.

1. ___ All magnets have a horseshoe shape.

2. ___ Like magnetic poles move away from one another.

3. ___ Magnetic forces are strongest in the center of a magnet.

4. ___ Magnetic fields are found on planets throughout our galaxy.

5. ___ The corona, or outermost layer of the sun, traces the sun’s magnetic field.

6. ___ Spinning protons give each atom a tiny magnetic field.

7. ___ Ferromagnetic material shows strong magnetic properties.

8. ___ All metals can be easily turned into permanent magnets.

9. ___ A magnet cut in half will lose all of its magnetic properties.

10. ___ An electromagnet loses its magnetism when the electric current is turned off.
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1. **4-9-17-10** magnets are used in the speakers of radios and televisions.

2. A permanent magnet is usually made from **8-1-16-4** metals, like iron and steel.

3. Small **8-14-16-17-5-17-8-14-5** magnets are used in radar machines.

4. During the Middle Ages, people thought that magnets had **12-1-7-9-3-1-11** powers.

5. Magnets are used to keep cabinets and refrigerator doors **3-11-14-17-5-4**.

6. The **3-14-12-15-1-17-17** made it possible for navigators to explore unknown worlds.

7. Even the most powerful magnetic field is **9-13-20-9-17-9-2-11-5** to the human eye.

8. There are two types of magnets: **13-1-18-19-16-1-11** magnets, like lodestone, and **1-16-18-9-6-9-3-9-1-11** magnets, which are made by people.
MAGNETISM PUZZLE

M________________ The force created by a magnet is known as a _______ field.

A________________ Spinning electrons make each _______ like a tiny magnet.

G________________ The Ancient _______ discovered the first natural magnets.

N________________ A compass needle always points to the _______ pole.

E________________ _______ can be used to create a magnet using electricity.

T________________ A _______ magnet gains and loses magnetism very easily.

I________________ Materials containing _______ have strong magnetic properties.

S________________ A _______ is created with a coiled wire and electricity.

M________________ A permanent _______ keeps its magnetism for a long time.
WORD SEARCH

The following words can be found in the maze below. The letters may be arranged horizontally, vertically, diagonally or backward.

magnetism
attract
repel
corona
compass
ferromagnetic
demagnetize
solenoid
electromagnet
poles

D C L J L M Q P R M B L K
E L E C T R O M A G N E T
M A T T R A C T C B E R M
A A L G E G Y O R L A T A
G S S A P M O C R T R D G
N O C P E Z Q Z M O L W N
E B P O L E S G M H N B E
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Z H B G C B X D A W B L S
E P N H N W D M T E S V M
F E R R O M A G N E T I C
TEST

Circle the phrase which best answers each question.

1. Magnetic objects easily attract materials that contain:
   - wood.
   - plastic.
   - water.
   - iron.

2. A magnet has the strongest magnetic force at:
   - the center.
   - the north pole.
   - the south pole.
   - both poles.

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VOCABULARY

The following terms are from *Real World Science: Magnetism*. Fill in the number of each term next to its closest definition.

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<td>magnetic field</td>
<td>magnetic force that surrounds a magnet</td>
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CHECKING COMPREHENSION

Read the following sentences and circle the letter of the word that best fills each blank.

The Greeks first discovered magnets when they realized that magnetite attracted materials that contained ___1___. All magnets have ___2___ poles. When placed together, like poles will ___3___ one another, while opposite poles ___4___ . The geographic poles are at the top and bottom of the ___5___ . As ___6___ spin around the nucleus of an atom, they create a magnetic field. Materials with strong magnetic properties are called ___7___ . If we rub an ordinary nail with one end of a magnet, we can ___8___ the nail. The nail will become a ___9___ magnet, which means it will lose its magnetism easily. We can also use an electric current to produce a magnetic field. This is called ___10___ .

1. A. wood  
   B. atoms  
   C. iron  
   D. electricity

2. A. positive and negative  
   B. north and south  
   C. left and right  
   D. active and inactive

3. A. repel  
   B. magnetize  
   C. polarize  
   D. attract

4. A. electrify  
   B. attract  
   C. demagnetize  
   D. repel

5. A. horseshoe magnet  
   B. bar magnet  
   C. galaxy  
   D. Earth

6. A. protons  
   B. molecules  
   C. electrons  
   D. tiny magnets

7. A. ferromagnetic  
   B. soluble  
   C. ionic  
   D. polar

8. A. heat  
   B. magnetize  
   C. electrify  
   D. dissolve

9. A. temporary  
   B. permanent  
   C. current  
   D. solenoid

10. A. conduction  
    B. electromagnetism  
    C. polarization  
    D. atomic magnetism
REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Where does the word “magnet” come from? The Ancient Greeks discovered rocks that contained the mineral magnetite. The mineral attracted materials that contained iron. Magnetite and magnet both come from the Greek word for the mysterious mineral, magnesia.

2. Name three things at home that contain magnets. Magnets are found in many items, including computers, tape recorders, videocassette recorders, televisions, compact disc players, compasses and computers.

3. What can be done to weaken a magnet? The magnetic field of an object can be weakened if the object is dropped, hit or struck with an object, or heated. This is called demagnetization.

4. When electric current is turned off, an electromagnet loses its magnetic field. How does this make electromagnets useful? Electromagnets are used in many devices with electric motors, such as electric mixers and power drills. When the switch is turned off, the device stops running.

5. What kinds of objects are easiest to magnetize? Why? Ferromagnetic objects are easiest to magnetize. That’s because they contain materials like iron that have atoms lined up in the same direction.

6. How is the Earth like a giant magnet? The Earth is surrounded by magnetic lines of force. The Earth also has a magnetic north and south pole. These poles are different than the areas we know as the geographic North and South Poles.
TRUE OR FALSE

Place a T next to statements that are true and an F next to statements that are false.

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3. F Magnetic forces are strongest in the center of a magnet.

4. T Magnetic fields are found on planets throughout our galaxy.

5. T The corona, or outermost layer of the sun, traces the sun’s magnetic field.

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7. T Ferromagnetic material shows strong magnetic properties.

8. F All metals can be easily turned into permanent magnets.

9. F A magnet cut in half will lose all of its magnetic properties.

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1. 4-9-17-10 magnets are used in the speakers of radios and televisions.

   Disk

2. A permanent magnet is usually made from 8-1-16-4 metals, like iron and steel.

   hard

3. Small 8-14-16-17-5-17-8-14-5 magnets are used in radar machines.

   horseshoe

4. During the Middle Ages, people thought that magnets had 12-1-7-9-3-1-11 powers.

   magical

5. Magnets are used to keep cabinets and refrigerator doors 3-11-14-17-5-4.

   closed

6. The 3-14-12-15-1-17-17 made it possible for navigators to explore unknown worlds.

   compass

7. Even the most powerful magnetic field is 9-13-20-9-17-9-2-11-5 to the human eye.

   invisible

8. There are two types of magnets: 13-1-18-19-16-1-11 magnets, like lodestone, and 1-16-18-9-6-9-3-9-1-11 magnets, which are made by people.

   natural, artificial
MAGNETISM PUZZLE

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**G reeks**  The Ancient _______ discovered the first natural magnets.

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**I ron**  Materials containing _______ have strong magnetic properties.

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**Magnet**  A permanent _______ keeps its magnetism for a long time.
WORD SEARCH

The following words can be found in the maze below. The letters may be arranged horizontally, vertically, diagonally or backward.

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compass
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demagnetize
solenoid
electromagnet
poles
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